

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 DACCA 02434 112023Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15
USIA-06 OMB-01 /057 W
-----120138Z 026625 /66/46

R 060928Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBESSY DACCA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4537
INFO AMCONSUL CALCUTTA
AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
CINCPAC HONOLULU

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE DACCA 2434

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TAG INFO OMITTED)

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E. O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, BG
SUBJ: ZIA MEETS WITH POLITICIANS

REF DACCA 2322

1. IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, PRESIDENT ZIA HAS MET SEPARATELY WITH THE LEADERS OF SEVERAL POLITICAL PARTIES INCLUDING: ATATUR RAHMAN KHAN, BANGLADESH JATIYA LEAGUE; MOHAMMAD TOAHA, SAMYABADI BAL; MAULANA ABDUR ARSHID TARKABAGISH, GANO AZADI LEAGUE; KHAN A. SABUR, MUSLIM LEAGUE; AND RASH-ARAJ MONDOL, BANGLADESH SCHEDULED CASTE FEDERATION.

2. COMMENT: IT IS INTERESTING THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL PROMINENT OMISSIONS FROM THE GROUP; NEITHER THE DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF MUSHTAQUE AHMED NOR THE AWAMI LEAGUE WAS INCLUDED.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 DACCA 02434 112023Z

ATATUR RAHMAN KHAN, RESPECTED THOUGH HE IS AS THE "SENIOR" POLITICIAN IN BANGLADESH, COMMANDS BUT A TINY ORGANIZATION. TARKABAGISH, 77, IS A FORMER AWAMI LEAGUER, SERVING AS PRESIDENT OF THE EAST PAKISTAN WING OF THE PARTY FROM 1957 TO 1966, WHEN SHEIKH MUJIB TOOK OVER THE OFFICE. IN RECENT YEARS, TARKABAGISH HAS NOT BEEN VERY ACTIVE, ALTHOUGH LAST FALL HE JOINED THE BANDWAGON AND HAD HIS PARTY OFFICIALLY

APPROVED. ZIA'S MEETING WITH MONDOL, WHOSE INFLUENCE AMONG BANGLADESH'S "HARIJANS" IS UNCERTAIN, IN NOTEWORTHY CONSIDERING RECENT CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION, WHICH DROPPED SECULARISM AS A PILLAR OF THE STATE. ZIA IS NO DOUBT HOPING TO USE MONDOL AND HIS ORGANIZATION TO WOO AT LEAST THE SCHEDULED CASTE HINDUS AWAY FROM THE AWAMI LEAGUE. MOST NOTABLE AMONG THE POLITICIANS IS PROBABLY SABUR. HIS MUSLIM LEAGUE APPEARS TO BE REVIVING ITS ORGANIZATION AND THE MUSLIM LEAGUE DOES SUPPORT THE ISLAMICIZATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

3. ZIA'S POSSIBLE FUTURE AS A POLITICIAN IS BECOMING A TOPIC OF INTEREST HERE AND HIS MEETINGS WITH PARTY LEADERS WILL BE WATCHED CLOSELY FOR CLUES AS TO HOW OR WITH WHOM HE MAY CHOOSE TO ENTER THE POLITICAL ARENA DIRECTLY.
MASTERS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESIDENT, MEETINGS, PARTY LEADERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 06-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977DACCA02434
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770215-0465, D770161-0724
Format: TEL
From: DACCA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770586/aaaacwon.tel
Line Count: 77
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: f5c48a99-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 DACCA 2322
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 22-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2619878
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ZIA MEETS WITH POLITICIANS
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, BG
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f5c48a99-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009